

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 36-58 have been amended. Claims 9-35 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-8 and 36-58 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests
5 reconsideration of the rejections.

Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney, Lance Sadler, would like to thank Examiner Ramy Osman for his time in discussing this application during a telephonic interview on
10 January 7, 2010 and for the Examiner's efforts to clarify pending issues to advance prosecution of the subject application. Claims 47-57 were discussed with respect to tangible computer-readable media and the Office's alleged non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1, 36, 47, and 58 were also discussed with respect to the Levosky
15 and Song references. Specifically, the notion of a pseudonymous email address creator that monitors for requests from email address harvesting entities was discussed. Although no agreement was reached as to specific claim amendments that would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, independent claims 1, 36, 47, and 58 have been amended to further clarify the discussed
20 features, and all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner indicated that another search would have to be conducted in view of the

potential amendments that were discussed. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned representative in an event any issues remain outstanding.

§ 101 Rejections

5 Claims 36-46 and 47-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended claims 36-46 to recite “a computer-implemented method” thus tying the claim to a particular machine. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification. Additionally, claims 10 36-46 recite “*creating* a pseudonymous e-mail address” and “*storing* the address associated with the requester and the associated pseudonymous e-mail address,” which constitutes but two examples of transformations of underlying subject matter. For example, *creating* a pseudonymous e-mail address transforms subject matter by creating a pseudonymous e-mail address where there was previously not 15 a pseudonymous e-mail address. Accordingly, the Office’s rejection is traversed.

With respect to claims 47-57, as discussed during the above-mentioned interview, claims 47-57 have been amended to recite “computer-readable storage medium.” The Examiner indicated that these amendments would overcome the rejection.